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SUBJECT: AFGHAN REQUEST FOR INFORMATION ON RHODESIA

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1. FOLLOWING PARAS CONTAIN TEXT OF UNSC RESOLUTION 423 AND BRIEF RESUME OF CURRENT NEGOTIATING SITUATION. FOR YOUR OWN INFORMATION YOU MAY WISH TO REFER TO RECENT CURRENT FOREIGN RELATIONS PIECE.

2. FOLLOWING PRESIDENT CARTER'S CONVERSATIONS IN LAGOS WE AND THE BRITISH HAVE EMBARKED ON NEW CONSULTATIONS WHICH WE HOPE WILL LEAD TO AN ALL-PARTIES MEETING AT WHICH THE PATRIOTIC FRONT AND THE PARTIES TO THE SALISBURY AGREEMENT WILL COME TOGETHER IN AN EFFORT TO NARROW THEIR DIFFERENCES. PRELIMINARY CONSULTATIONS WITH THE PARTIES LEADING TOWARD CONVENING SUCH A MEETING WILL BEGIN ON APRIL 7 AND WILL BE CONDUCTED BY A TEAM LED BY MR. JOHN
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GRAHAM OF THE BRITISH FOREIGN OFFICE AND US AMBASSADOR TO ZAMBIA, STEVE LOW. FURTHER MEETINGS, INCLUDING ONE BETWEEN SECRETARIES VANCE AND OWEN AND THE PATRIOTIC FRONT TO DISCUSS MILITARY AND ASSOCIATED ARRANGEMENTS OF THE TRANSITIONAL PERIOD, AND A PRELIMINARY TO THE ALL-PARTIES MEETING ARE LIKELY TO OCCUR IN MID AND LATE APRIL.

3. RESOLUTION 423 ADOPTED BY THE SECURITY COUNCIL AT ITS
2067TH MEETING ON 14 MARCH 1978:

"THE SECURITY COUNCIL,

RECALLING ITS RESOLUTIONS ON THE QUESTION OF SOUTHERN
RHODESIA AND IN PARTICULAR RESOLUTION 415 (1977) OF
29 SEPTEMBER 1977,

REAFFIRMING THAT THE CONTINUED EXISTENCE OF THE ILLEGAL
REGIME IN SOUTHERN RHODESIA IS A SOURCE OF INSECURITY
AND INSTABILITY IN THE REGION AND CONSTITUTES A SERIOUS
THREAT TO INTERNATIONAL PEACE AND SECURITY,

GRAVELY CONCERNED OVER THE CONTINUED MILITARY OPERATIONS
BY THE ILLEGAL REGIME, INCLUDING ITS ACTS OF AGGRESSION
AGAINST NEIGHBOURING INDEPENDENT STATES,

INDIGNANT AT THE CONTINUED EXECUTIONS OF FREEDOM FIGHTERS
BY THE ILLEGAL REGIME,

CONSIDERING THE NEED FOR URGENT MEASURES TO TERMINATE
THE ILLEGAL REGIME AND ESTABLISH A GOVERNMENT BASED ON
MAJORITY RULE,

1. CONDEMNS ALL ATTEMPTS AND MANOEUVRES BY THE ILLEGAL
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REGIME AIMED AT THE RETENTION OF POWER BY A RACIST
MINORITY AND AT PREVENTING THE ACHIEVEMENT OF INDEPENDENCE BY ZIMBABWE;

2. DECLARES AS ILLEGAL AND UNACCEPTABLE ANY INTERNAL
SETTLEMENT UNDER THE AUSPICES OF THE ILLEGAL REGIME AND
CALLS UPON ALL STATES NOT TO ACCORD ANY RECOGNITION TO
SUCH SETTLEMENT;

3. FURTHER DECLARES THAT THE SPEEDY TERMINATION OF THE
ILLEGAL REGIME AND THE REPLACEMENT OF ITS MILITARY AND
POLICE FORCES IS THE FIRST PREREQUISITE FOR THE
RESTORATION OF LEGALITY IN SOUTHERN RHODESIA SO THAT
ARRANGEMENTS MAY BE MADE FOR A PEACEFUL AND DEMOCRATIC
TRANSITION TO GENUINE MAJORITY RULE AND INDEPENDENCE IN
1978;

4. DECLARES ALSO THAT SUCH ARRANGEMENTS AS ENVISAGED IN
PARAGRAPH 3 INCLUDE THE HOLDING OF FREE AND FAIR ELECTIONS
ON THE BASIS OF UNIVERSAL ADULT SUFFRAGE UNDER UNITED
NATIONS SUPERVISION;

5. CALLS UPON THE UNITED KINGDOM OF GREAT BRITAIN AND

NORTHERN IRELAND TO TAKE ALL MEASURES NECESSARY TO BRING TO AN END THE ILLEGAL RACIST MINORITY REGIME IN SOUTHERN RHODESIA AND TO EFFECT THE GENUINE DECOLONIZATION OF THE TERRITORY IN ACCORDANCE WITH GENERAL ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION 1514 (XV) AND OTHER UNITED NATIONS RESOLUTIONS;

6. CONSIDERS THAT, WITH THE ASSISTANCE OF THE SECRETARY-GENERAL OF THE UNITED NATIONS, THE UNITED KINGDOM AS THE ADMINISTERING POWER SHOULD ENTER INTO IMMEDIATE CONSULTATIONS WITH THE PARTIES CONCERNED IN ORDER TO ATTAIN THE OBJECTIVES OF GENUINE DECOLONIZATION OF THE TERRITORY THROUGH THE IMPLEMENTATION OF PARAGRAPHS 3, 4 AND 5 ABOVE;
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7. REQUESTS THE SECRETARY-GENERAL TO REPORT, NOT LATER THAN 15 APRIL 1978, ON THE RESULTS OF THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THIS RESOLUTION. VANCE

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